

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) An injection shield assembly comprising:

a generally tubular member sized to accommodate a needle sheath of a safety syringe, the member having a distal end and an opposing proximal end, the member comprising radiopaque material; and

a movable toggle element designed to pivot relative to the member, the toggle element comprising:

a first tang extending at least generally out away from an exterior of the injection shield assembly;

a second tang disposed at least generally between the first tang and the proximal end of the member; and

a third tang, at least a portion of which is located in a safety syringe accommodating aperture of the injection shield assembly.

14. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 13, wherein the third tang is substantially tapered.

15. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 13, wherein the member comprises a toggle housing, and the toggle element designed to pivot relative to the toggle housing.

16. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 15, further comprising a spring disposed between the toggle housing and the toggle element.

17. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 16, further comprising a shaft mounted to the toggle housing and passing through the toggle element, the toggle element being designed to pivot about the shaft.

18. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 17, wherein the spring is spaced from and does not contact the shaft.

19. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 15, further comprising a lead glass insert positioned in the toggle housing.

20. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 13, further comprising a shaft about which the toggle element is designed to pivot, wherein the first tang extends away from the shaft in a first direction, the second tang extends away from the shaft in a second direction, and the third tang extends away from the shaft in a third direction.

21. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 13 further comprising a safety syringe having a barrel, a needle, a plunger, and a needle sheath, wherein the needle sheath is disposed about and movable relative to the barrel, and wherein the member is disposed about at least a portion of the needle sheath.

22. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 21, wherein the third tang is in contact with the needle sheath.

23. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 22, wherein a length of the member is shorter than a length of the barrel.

24. (New) A method of using an injection shield assembly, the method comprising:

inserting a safety syringe into an injection shield in a manner such that the injection shield is disposed about a needle sheath of the safety syringe;

changing a condition of the safety syringe from a first condition in which a needle of the safety syringe is exposed for use, to a second condition in which the needle sheath is substantially disposed about the needle, wherein the changing is accomplished while the

injection shield is disposed about the needle sheath, and the changing comprises applying pressure to a first tang of a toggle element of the injection shield; and

removing the safety syringe from the injection shield, wherein the removing comprises applying pressure to a second tang of the toggle element.

25. (New) A method as in claim 24, wherein the disposing comprises contacting the needle sheath with the toggle element of the injection shield.

26. (New) A method as in claim 24, wherein the changing comprises contacting the needle sheath with the toggle element of the injection shield.

27. (New) A method as in claim 26, wherein the contacting comprises holding the needle sheath in place relative to the injection shield while a barrel of the safety syringe is rotated relative thereto.

28. (New) A method as in claim 24, wherein the toggle element does not touch the safety syringe during the removing.

29. (New) A method as in claim 24, wherein the changing comprises supplementing the pressure applied to the toggle element with a spring force.

30. (New) A method as in claim 24, wherein the removing comprises imposing a spring force on the second tang in a direction substantially opposite that of the pressure applied.

31. (New) An injection shield assembly comprising:

a safety syringe having a barrel, a needle, a plunger, and a needle sheath, wherein the needle sheath is disposed about and movable relative to the barrel; and

an injection shield comprising:

a generally tubular member comprising radiopaque material and disposed about at least a portion of the needle sheath of the safety syringe; and

a movable toggle element designed to pivot about a shaft of the injection shield relative to the generally tubular member, the toggle element comprising:

a first tang that extends away from the shaft in a first direction;

a second tang that extends away from the shaft in a second direction; and

a contact point that extends away from the shaft in a third direction, the contact point being designed to be moved in and out of contact with the needle sheath of the safety syringe.

32. (New) An injection shield assembly as in claim 31, further comprising a spring that biases the first tang at least generally toward the needle sheath and that biases the second tang at least generally away from the needle sheath.